

Prince W ALDECK'S
LETTER
TO THE
States-General:

Giving an Account of a great VICTORY obtained over the
French the 25th of this Instant *August*, 1689.

Licensed August 24. 1689.

High and Mighty Lords,

THIS Morning, while a good part of your High and Mightinesses Army were Foraging, came tidings, that the *Mareschal d'Humiers* with his Army, which he had some days since strengthened by an Addition of six Thousand Men, were marching; immediately your Foragers were advertised of it by some Cannon Shot, as had been agreed: In the mean while the Enemies Avant Guard attacked the Village *Forge*, in which I had placed eight hundred Men to Cover the Foragers; which were Commanded by the *English* Colonel *Hodges*, Coll. *Goes*, and the Major of the *Hess* Regiment. This Attack continued above two hours, but they defended themselves so stoutly, until the Major *d'Roe*, who was sent to give notice to the Lieutenant Generals *Webenham*, *Marlborough*, and *Houlby*, who were with the Foragers, to bring them back again, succoured them with some Horse: whereupon, while the whole *French* Army were coming down upon them, they retired Fighting till they came to a rising by the small City *Wallour*, in which I had placed Colonel *Linckan's* Battalion of *Lunenbergers*; and afterwards strengthened them with Colonel *Hollis's* Battalion, while this said City was furiously Attacked by many *French* Battalions and Cannon for above two hours. Lieutenant General *Aylua* advanced with three Battalions towards the City, from which he detached the Brigadier *Falmush*; Lieutenant General *Marlborough* followed with the Life-Guard, and two *English* Regiments, and in the mean time Major General *Strangenburgh* advanced on the other side of the City with some detached Foot, which made the *French* retire confusedly, leaving behind them their Cannon, Bullets, and Gun-Powder, with a great many dead and wounded, whereof we cannot yet know the exact number, among which are three Captains of the Guards, Monsieur *d'Artignan*, Commander of the Guards, and many other taken Prisoners: in their retiring came two Drums desiring a Cessation, to fetch off their wounded, and bury their dead, saying that six Battalions of the Guards, who had been in the Attack, were most of them destroyed. On our side is no considerable Loss, besides Lieutenant Colonel

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lonel Grymes, of the *English*: and the Major of the *Hesses* Dragoons, with one Captain Lieutenant, and one Captain, and some Foragers taken Prisoners, and in the City there are very few killed, or wounded. The *French* did thereon withdraw into their Camp; and our Troops kept them Standing till it was Night; the Earl of *Nassau*, Field-Marshal, and all other Officers, have behaved themselves as well as one could wish, and all the Soldiers shewed great Courage and Joy, on the hopes of coming to a Battel, and there might have been great Success expected, if the Situation of the Country had permitted pursuing the Enemy. In particular, those of the *English*, who were employed in this Rencontre, have behaved themselves well. I congratulate your High and Mightinesses Arms in this Rencontre, and the good Issue in making the Enemies retreat; wishing, it may please God to continue to give further Blessing to your High and Mightinesses Arms, and Government, I commit you to his Protection,

In the Camp by *Thil Castle*,
August 25, 1689, late in the
Evening.

G. Frederick Prince van Waldeck.

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YOU will by the annex'd see what pass'd here Yesterday; There are many of the *French* slain more than is known; and our men were so courageous, that if the Ground had not been so hilly it would have come to a pitch'd Battel; but as it is, the *French* have had a lusty Blow. We have been all night upon the Guard, and I am but just now come to my Quarters from my Regiment of Foot. The Prince slept all night in his Coach. Just now we hear Shooting again: I believe it is from Parties meeting each other; but it's likely the *French* will seek their Revenge to day. I am dispatching the Courier, and hope our blessed Lord will give us farther Blessing and Happiness.

In the Camp by *Thil Castle*,
the 26th of August 89.
early in the Morning.

Fr. Sluyler.

I believe there are above Two thousand of the *French* kill'd and wounded.

P O S T S C R I P T.

Flanders Letters confirm these Contents, saying seventeen or eighteen hundred *French* are kill'd, among which many of Note; that seven or eight hundred were brought Prisoners to *Charleroy*; that six *French* Cannon were taken. Much of this Victory is attributed on all hands to the *English* Valor. Prince Waldeck's sending his Army to forage, was a design to draw the *French* out of their Camp, which had its effect.

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